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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131** 

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Sir:

- I, Michael Lebner, declare and state as follows:
- I am an inventor of the invention claimed in U.S. Application No. 10/626,785 filed July 24, 2003.
- Prior to April 14, 2003, in my offices in Wellesley, Massachusetts, I conceived of the invention of the currently pending Claims 19-34 of the subject patent application.

## **DUE DILIGENCE**

3. I communicated with patent counsel in preparing a patent Application directed toward the invention.

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- 4. We worked diligently on the preparation of the patent application with patent counsel until a final draft patent application was completed to our satisfaction.
- The patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 24, 2003.
- 6. I declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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